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SUBJECT: U.S. RELATIONS WITH ILO -- MADAGASCAR

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- 1. LABOR REPORTING OFFICER CALLED ON HENRI RAZAFINDRATOVO, DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL RELATIONS ON FEB . 11, TO OUTLINE US CONCERNS RE ILO PER REFTEL.
- 2. RAZAFINDRATOVO'S RESPONSE WAS UNSYMPATHETIC. HE SAID THAT IF A MAJORITY OF ILO DELEGATES WISHED TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE, EVEN A PURELY POLITICAL ONE UNRELATED TO PROPER BUSINESS OF ILO, IT WAS THEIR RIGHT TO DO SO.
- 3. HE WAS GIVEN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL AND PROMISED TO TRANSMIT IT TO FOREIGN MINISTER.
- 4. HE SUGGESTED THAT SINCE GDRM HAS NO REPS ON ILO GOVERNING BODY, EMBASSY SHOULD SEE MALAGASY WORKER REP BLAISE ROBEL, A VOTING MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY. (ROBEL, HOWEVER, DEPARTED MADAGASCAR FOR GENEVA TWO WEEKS AGO.)
- 5. WHEN ASKED WHO ELSE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY TO CONTACT, RAZAFINDRATOVO NAMED MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT AN AUDIENCE WITH LABOR MINISTER MUST BE APPROVED BY MFA, AND BECAUSE TIME DID NOT PERMIT OBTAINING SUCH APPROVAL, HE SUGGESTED DELIVERING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO LABOR MINISTRY. THIS WAS DONE. SHEINBAUM

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